

Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration

Pursuant to: Division 13, Public Resources Code

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 12, in cooperation with the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), proposes to widen State Route 55 (SR-55) in both directions from just north of the Interstate 405 (I-405)/SR-55 interchange to just south of the Interstate 5 (I-5)/SR-55 interchange between Post Miles 6.4 and 10.3, in the Cities of Irvine, Santa Ana, and Tustin in Orange County, California.

Determination

This proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) is included to give notice to interested agencies and the public that it is Caltrans' intent to adopt an MND for this project. This does not mean that Caltrans' decision regarding the project is final. This MND is subject to change based on comments received by interested agencies and the public.

Caltrans has prepared an Initial Study (IS) for this project, and pending public review, expects to determine from this IS that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment for the reasons discussed below.

The proposed SR-55 project would have no effect on the following resources: Coastal Zones, Wild and Scenic Rivers, Farmlands or Timberlands, Natural Communities, and Threatened and Endangered Species

In addition, the proposed SR-55 project would have less than significant effects to: Land Use, Growth, Community Impacts, Utilities and Emergency Services, Visual/Aesthetics, Cultural Resources, Hydrology and Floodplains, Water Quality and Storm Water Runoff, Geology and Soils, Paleontological Resources, Air Quality, Noise, Wetlands and Other Waters, Plant Species, Animal Species, Invasive Species, and Cumulative Impacts

With mitigation measures incorporated, the project would have less than significant effects to: Traffic and Transportation/Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities (Measure T-3) and Hazardous Waste (Measures HAZ-1 through HAZ-8).

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